

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification as follows:

**Amend the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 20 as follows:**

By the term “approximate spheres” is meant herein a shape of spheres having a sphericity of at least 0.6 wherein the true spherical degree is determined by a ratio of the major axis ( $D_L$ ) and the minor axis ( $D_S$ ) of the granules, i.e. ( $D_S / D_L$ ).

**Amend the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 23 as follows:**

In general, the liquid containing the cocoagulation product of silica and rubber obtained according to the above process has a solid concentration of 2~20% by weight and the particle diameter of the cocoagulation product in the liquid is preferably 50~5000  $[[m\ \mu]]$   $\mu$  m, preferably 80~2000  $[[m\ \mu]]$   $\mu$  m. A detailed explanation is given hereinafter on the liquid containing the cocoagulation product of the silica and the rubber.